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SUBJ B.C. OIL REFINERY

1. B.C. PETROLEUM CORPORATION (BCPC) HAS SIGNED LETTER OF INTENT WITH UK ENGINEERING FIRM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DLRS 350 MILLION OIL REFINERY. UK FIRM, SIM-CHEM LIMITED WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION, PROCUREMENT, AND INSTALLATION WHILE U.S. FIRM, UNIVERSAL OIL PRODUCTS, WILL DO PROCESS CONFIGURATION DESIGN. ACCORDING TO B.C. PRESS RELEASE UK FIRMS WILL GET "FIRST CHANCE" TO PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION BUT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PURCHASED ON BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL TENDERS TO FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS. LOCAL B.C. CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AND CANADIAN FABRICATORS WOULD BE USED TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. BRITISH FINANCING AT COMPETITIVE TERMS FOR THE COST OF UK GOODS AND SERVICES ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO PREMIER BARRETT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE PLANS FOR THIS 85 THOUSAND BARREL PER DAY REFINERY ARE MOVING ALONG, MAJOR ISSUES STILL MUST BE
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RESOLVED. NEITHER SITE LOCATION, CONFIGURATION DESIGN,
ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS, NOR SOURCE OF CRUDE HAVE YET BEEN

SETTLED. BCPC SPOKESMEN CLAIM REFINERY WILL MEET PROVINCE'S
HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR LIQUID EMISSION, AIR
QUALITY, AND NOISE LEVELS AND BCPC IS NOW NEGOTIATING WITH
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPLY OF CRUDE WHICH MUST BE
ESTABLISHED BEFORE CONFIGURATION AND PRODUCT OUTPUT CAN BE
DECIDED UPON. SITE SELECTION, NOW NARROWED DOWN TO THREE
CHOICES, WILL DEPEND A GREAT DEAL ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.
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